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Bill Hrab Again S.D. Director

Sub-district 6 of the FUA District 2 re-elected as director Bill Hrab; as alternate director Frank Kobbert; Mrs. Bill Fedoruk as FWUA director; Ed Nehring as secretary-treasurer and Orest Hrab as Jr. FUA director. A motion was passed that each local pay \$5.00 towards financing of the sub-district. Of the two resolutions passed one protests against a splitting of the Oats Pool, the other complained about farm approaches blocked through the work of the snow plows, and asking for the possibility of using the snow plow

at a minimum cost for removal of snow from farm driveways.

Mr. Clare Anderson, vice-president of the FUA, spoke about the FUA Ottawa-Toronto tour, Marketing Boards and the relationship between FUA and AFA. Mrs. Edna Walker, FWUA director district 2 reported on her work, and Frank Schaff, Jr. director on the work of the Jr. FUA.

Charles Swiderski The SD Director

We have mentioned some wrong names for the positions of the director and alternate director of sub-district 5 district 4. At the annual convention of the sub-district, Mr. Charles Swiderski was re-elected unopposed as sub-district director. Maurice Campeau was elected the same way as alternate director.

Flooding Problem In North Peace To Be Attacked

The Whitemud River has been flooding a considerable area of farmland over a period of years. The local people in the area have done everything they could to get this situation rectified, and Central Office has assisted them in this. The Dixonville FUA local has now received word that some work will begin this year to make a start in solving the problem.

The Water Resources Branch told Central Office that late in the fall of this year work will begin on a project designed as an interim solution. An amount of \$15,000 will be spent on it. The final solution, which will involve quite a large amount of money, may become an ARDA project.

Income Tax Facts

Anyone interested in Facts about Income Tax? Write to Central Office. We have them available for you. They may be a very valuable help in filling out your Income Tax Return.

Joe Close S D Director

Joe Close has been elected as director of sub-district 7 of FUA District 2. Alternate sub-district director is Harry Reinders, Deadwood, Secretary is Joe Jason, and FWUA sub-district director, Mrs. G. Daviduck, both of North Star.

The sub-district convention passed two resolutions, one concerning the Whitemud River flooding, the other requesting information on the feasibility of a meat packing and/or killing plant in the North Peace. A third resolution about school bus stop signs was lost. District Director Howard Hibbard attended the meeting.

TWO MORE CANDIDATES

Two more names have to be added to our list of Jr. Queen candidates. They are June Vasseur, Three Hills, and Marilyn Eby, Carstairs.



Marilyn

MARILYN EBY has earned her laurels in 4-H work. She has won a whole array of awards, was club secretary for one year and reporter for four years. Not only animals interest Marilyn, she is

also proficient in horticulture and has won five trophies. She is a member of the C.G.I.T., and has studied music for eight years.



June

JUNE VASSEUR is 18 years old and a member of the FUA since 1959. She is active in the Jr. FUA and in church work and doesn't forget community work. She is also quite an accomplished

musician and has taken part in talent shows.

We sincerely hope that each local and district will loyally support their contestant. We suggest that wherever possible locals plan to entertain the Queen at some social gathering, introduce her to the members so that they will become interested in the campaign.

Tickets have been sent to all locals in districts where there is a contestant. There are 12 tickets to each book. The price is 25 cents per ticket. Ten may be sold and the seller may keep two tickets, or the seller may sell all 12 and keep 50 cents. Each ticket sold gives the contestant 25 votes. The deadline for sending tickets back to Central Office is May 27. (These are not raffle tickets and can be mailed). To qualify for the finals in the contest, each candidate must have sold 20 books of tickets. In the districts where there are more than one competing, please mark on the tickets the girl to which the votes are to be credited. Tickets are always available at Central Office on request.

OUR (HALF) HONOR LIST

We can't publish our Honor List in this issue as no more districts surpassed last year's total membership since the beginning of this month. However, four districts are so close to it, that we expect any moment to receive enough memberships from them to put them over the top. They are:

Below last year's total membership on April 15

DISTRICT 13	1
DISTRICT 2	8
DISTRICT 14	23
DISTRICT 11	30

Another S. D. Board

At the convention of sub-district 4 of FUA district 2, F. Iddins, alternate director of the District, reported that an FU & CDA team will be set up in District 2. The meeting agreed to have the sub-district board act on the team.

Officers elected to the Board were: F. Schaff, sub-district director; R. Webber, alternate sub-district director; Mrs. R. Webber, FWUA sub-district director; Gary Bettenson, Jr. FUA director, Robert Mowry of Grimshaw was elected as secretary-treasurer of the Board. The president of each local will also act on the Board.

Two resolutions passed, one expressing that the membership dues for the FUA should be raised to seven dollars, the other opposing a splitting up of the Oats Pool by the Canadian Wheat Board.

Reports were given by Mrs. Webber and Frank Schaff, who was also chairman of the convention.

A HECTIC 14 DAYS BUT INTERESTING

Better Understanding Between People Will Help More To Solve Problems Than Anything Else

By Ed Nelson, F U A President

The past two weeks have been of the hectic variety and most interesting. I would like to share them with you in some detail.

On Monday afternoon March 18 I met Mrs. (Mother) Hallum and Eugene (boy) in Wetaskiwin and we drove to Medicine Hat for the first of the two district conventions. On the 20th we attended District 14 convention in Lethbridge and drove back to Wetaskiwin and home arriving some time after midnight and some 800 miles of driving. On the 21st I helped delegates and wives of delegates, to the Northern Alberta Dairy Pool. put away a delicious dinner in connection with their annual meeting. Then to Hardisty to talk about boundary changes and to Innisfail on Saturday to talk about public power.

On Sunday, March 24, it was on to Banff and five days with the Western Farm Leaders Conference, sponsored annually by the Department of Extension, University of Alberta. On the next Saturday and Sunday was a Farm-Labor Conference at Banff and from there on we had to go to Winnipeg for a joint meeting between C.F.A. and N.F.U. I came home Tuesday, April 2, about 2:00 a.m.

It is not my intention to impress you with a busy itinerary, but rather to try to share some experiences with you, indicate their importance to all of you and at the same time try to impress you with one very vital fact, "the shortage

of time." In this day and age we try to make up the shortage by using airplanes and high speed roads. However, about all we succeed in doing is step up the tempo but we are still short of time.

Better Attended Conventions

Both district conventions in 13 and 14 were better attended than usual. It could be that the time of year was more suitable than the summer time, but I think I sensed more general interest than usual. Both meetings dealt objectively with the question of boundary changes and it would appear to me that "County" organizations will be an important part of our

organization in the future. I heard rumblings of concern at both meetings because of the decline in fat cattle prices but no indication that it was serious enough to start thinking about any change in marketing procedure. Beef prices still have about four cents to drop before government price supports will apply.

Interests of Beet Growers Forgotten

In Lethbridge I found some real concern over the fact that the sugar company was planning to dismantle the plant at Raymond. While I am not aware of all the technical and economic factors involved, there can be little doubt the beet growers in that area have cause for concern. Production has built up around the plant in the years it has operated and farms are geared to that type of farm enterprise. Now, it seems, they are to be left high and dry or face added transportation costs.

We hear much these days about sanctity of private business. It seems that a profitable business enterprise is being unfairly treated if either the government or the people decide they want to operate it themselves. On the other hand, private business is free to decide its best interests, regardless of what happens to the people being served.

I suspect the interests of the

beet growers would be served better if they operated their own factory. I would like to see the growers around Raymond, Picture Butte and Taber seriously consider such a move.

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Good Junior Meeting At Grimshaw

A very good and lively Jr. FUA meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pimm of Grimshaw. Twenty-two members were present including Jr. FUA director for district 2, F. Schaff. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. R. Webber, Jr. FUA supervisors. Miss Patricia Connelly was replaced as secretary-treasurer by Miss Karen Lund as she is leaving to study for nurses' aid.

As no candidate for the Jr. Queen Contest was available, a boy will be sent to Farm Young People's Week.

HECTIC DAYS

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NADP Annual Meeting

I was unable to attend the business meeting of the N.A.D.P. but I understand they had another successful year. I only hope the people shipping cream to this plant realize the importance of this enterprise to their economic

well-being. Some members may have complaints from time to time (and these complaints should always be heard) but decisions are made according to the interests of the members.

An Idea Worth Trying

I believe the people at the Hardisty meeting were agreed that the "County" organization to replace the old "sub district" was an idea worth trying. They were unhappy because the size of District 7 had been reduced too much. I would

like to say here that district boundary lines are not "sacred." If they are in the wrong places they can be changed, so long as we maintain the county boundaries within the district.

Dissatisfaction With R E A Principle

The R.E.A. meeting in Innisfail indicated a great deal of dissatisfaction with the R.E.A. principle. Most of the people seemed to feel they are charged an unfair amount for power when they compare costs with farmers in other provinces. It becomes particularly burdensome on older people and those not using much electricity.

Calgary Power took the brunt of this criticism and I expect they probably have some coming. However, I think it is unfair to blame the power company for a decision made by our own government. The government had, and has, the power to grant franchises and de-

clined to take the power companies off the hook when it became obvious that the farms could no longer be expected to go without power. The worst feature of the Alberta R.E.A. principle is the method of capitalization. The feature that will eventually break the whole thing down is the difficulty of getting people to accept the responsibility, and personal cost involved, in properly administering the business of the R.E.A. No farmers in any other province have this job and the capital cost is charged into their power bills according to the use they make of it.

Towards Better Understanding

The Western Farm Leaders Conference is a stimulating experience every year. Every year, the university brings in some top economists and sociologists who, together with farm leaders in Western Canada, study the whole agricultural situation. This a study that takes into account world conditions, rural and urban, as well as local conditions. It reports on studies made from time to time on human behavior and people's movements.

There is no doubt in my mind that these sessions help us to better understand the problems we work with. It has helped me to see that, unless we can find ways to persuade farm people to take a more active part in their business and social affairs and particularly in the field of marketing and buying, farming as we know it will completely disappear in the next generation.

I am equally convinced that unless about 290,000 farmers in Canada today who are operating on a gross income of less than

\$5,000, can find some way of reducing their overhead by some form of consolidation, either in machinery pools or co-operatives, they will not last another generation.

There are, of course some 10,000 farmers with over \$25,000 gross incomes but I don't expect them to start dividing this with the poorer members. Neither can I see much hope of any substantial government subsidies that will do any more than prolong the agony. There is some hope of increasing the total input into our income of agriculture with marketing boards. Even that has its problems in the way farmers will share any advantages. I suspect most of it will accrue to large producers unless people will accept market quotas on most farm products. There is evidence to show that a combination of market quotas and boards, keeping production even with or slightly below market requirements, could increase every farmer's income by better than 10 per cent.

Farm Labor Conference

The Farmer-Labor meeting was most interesting and produced some better understanding of each other's problems. If more of this kind of meetings could be held with more people taking part,

there would soon be less resistance to programs aimed at more equitable distribution of available resources (that are so plentiful in Canada).

Provincial Housecleaning First

I would not like to say the meeting of the N.F.U. and C.F.A. was fruitless, although it was hard to see any progress. One thing can be said for such a meeting, people are brought at least close enough together so they can hardly avoid speaking to each other. If you can keep them together long enough

they may eventually get acquainted and that would be a blessing.

One thing is obvious, at least to me. So long as there is any semblance of two or more organizations of this character in any province one national organization is impossible. The provinces must put their houses in order first.

Spruceville 50 Years

One of the oldest FUA locals, Spruceville, celebrated its 50th anniversary in the Lacombe Memorial Centre on April 9, and it was a celebration which nobody of those attending will forget. Ties formed fifty years ago still proved to be very strong, and it was a sturdy group of men and women who formed this local, because 20 of them were able to attend the banquet. H. J. Angell Evans even came from Colville, Wash., to be present.

Spruceville local takes in the area between Lacombe and Gull Lake. When some of the committee members went to the parliament building in Edmonton to collect information from the Lacombe papers during the years of 1911 to 1919, they found that the local was formed in February 1912. Thus the local is in reality 51 years old, which fact none of the pioneers remembered when arrangements started for the anniversary celebration.

Meetings were held in the community hall once a month on the Tuesday evening on or before full moon. This was done to make driving a little more pleasant in those horse and buggy days.

In December 1913 two delegates were sent to the annual convention in Lethbridge, where one thousand (we repeat: 1,000) delegates were in attendance.

One other fact is always before us. Organization costs money. Good organization can serve the farm community. Time and money spent on good organization can pay dividends and yield satisfaction.

The Spruceville Community Hall, which is four miles west of Lacombe, was built in April 1914, by volunteer labor, in 14 days' time. The local had made the plans for the building and directed the construction.

At the head table were sitting Memorial Centre Irwin Gottschlich, who came as a very small boy with his parents from Idaho to the Spruceville district and has lived there all his life, told the guests these facts and many more out of the history of the local.

The hall was decorated with the FUA colors, blue, white and gold. Blue and white flowers and gold leaves in gold containers formed the table bouquets and a Spruceville FUA banner provided a colorful background for the head table.

At the head table were sitting Mr. Ed Nelson, president of the FUA, who brought greetings from the organization. He considered this anniversary really memorable, because it may be the last one at which any of the original members can be present. Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite, president of the FWUA,

spoke for the women, and Dr. C. F. Bentley, dean of agriculture, University of Alberta, the guest speaker, compared the agricultural conditions in Thailand with those in Canada.

The centre of attention, however, were the 20 charter members and honored guests: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice, who have been members of the local for 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Drader; Mr. H. J. Angell Evans; Mrs. Phil McLennan; Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Young (Mr. Young was for 13 years director of the Wetaskiwin Federal Constituency Association); Mr. R. M. Gibson; Mrs. J. A. Proudfoot; Mrs. W. J. Barnes; Mr. J. W. Biglands, who was Oat King in 1922-23; Mrs. Chas Braithwaite; Mrs. Percy Young; Mrs. William Parker; Mr. Ab Saunders, who was a director on the first board; Mr. E. W. Sladen; Mrs. J. B. Crooker. Due to ill health or being on holidays Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burton, Mr. O. H. Walker, Mr. J. H. McNeil and Mr. Alfred Smith were unable to attend.

Chairman of the banquet was Mr. Nelson Hall, who did an excellent job. Mr. Mike Kierluk, deputy mayor of Lacombe, spoke words of welcome on behalf of the town. Frank Rice introduced the honored guests and Mrs. Wesley Fair gave a solo. Entertainment was in the hands of Dr. Howard Fredeen and Dr. Jack Newman. Lawrence Henderson introduced the guest speaker. Total attendance was 256. The United Church women of Blackfalds served the turkey supper.

TO ALBERTA FARMERS!

Many of you who read this are now readers of THE WESTERN PRODUCER. Those of you who are readers will be aware that this newspaper, published by Modern Press, Printing and Publishing Division of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, is the leading source of news and comment on topics of vital interest to Western Canadian farmers (with special emphasis on news of co-operatives and farm organizations) in the weekly field in the Prairie region and British Columbia. In addition, every issue of the newspaper offers many hours of instruction and entertainment to every member of the farm family, with a first-class magazine section, special columns to suit every taste, and a host of other attractions. Through the years, approximately half of the farmers in Alberta have become loyal readers of The Western Producer. There has been only a limited effort to secure Alberta distribution. Most of our Alberta farm subscribers are "Volunteers" . . . but we're now in the process of arranging better service for our Alberta readers with the appointment of Alberta district representatives.

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More Active Locals Are Meeting Monthly

★ **DAVID THOMPSON** discussed the idea of allowing and encouraging personnel of farmer co-operatives to take out an associate FUA membership. The local is in favor of a universal health plan such as the people in Saskatchewan have. The UFA agent was guest speaker. The meeting was held at the home of the Archie Hayes family.

★ **SPRUCE VALLEY** had a very successful meeting at the home of Anton Luchka, though only 14 members could be present due to bad road conditions. The members decided to form a UFA local within the FUA local, using the same board. Dan Gawalko is to go out and collect membership fees. A decision was made to invest \$200 in the Boyle Co-operative Association. Nick Zilinski and Emil Zackewich will attend future meetings of the Alberta Wheat Pool Advisory Committee.

★ **SPRUCE VIEW** had 30 members listening to Henry Friesen of the Lacombe Experimental Farm speaking about weed sprays. A very lively question period followed this talk. The local will send a letter to the Hon. Reiersen about telephone tolls. At the April meeting Vic Bjorkland will speak about tree planting and back sloping.

★ **SOUTH RED WILLOW** elected Tom Williams Jr. as its representative on the sub-district board. At the next meeting a decision will be made about honoring the senior citizens and the writing of the history of the local. A social evening will be held at the hall and all newcomers to the district will be invited. Mr. Hennig gave a talk on fertilizers. Twenty-two members and two visitors were present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Macklin.

★ **RUTHENIA** heard what kind of arrangements the UFA agent had made for the opening of the UFA Maple Leaf bulk station in Smoky Lake. Rural telephone lines, the municipal hospital and credit unions were discussed. County councillors will be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss the municipal hospital work.

★ **WARBURG'S** 14 visitors exceeded the number of members present by four. A card game was held. Winners were Phil Eyre and Mrs. Eleanor Smith. The scholarship raffle was a success, and the local wants to thank all who helped to make it a success. Winners were: Ranold Smith, Breton; Kelly McGuirk, Warburg, and Melvin Nikolai, Thorsby.

★ **BIG VALLEY** passed a resolution expressing that the policy on crop damage by wildlife should be changed in such a way that a farmer taking out his first policy is not required to renew this until he has collected on a damage claim. The meeting, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reid, was attended by 14 members.

★ **LONGRIDGE** also had trouble with bad roads. Only five members attended the meeting. Mr. Clarence Jorgenson will be invited for the April 24 meeting.

★ **GIROUXVILLE** asked "Round Up Riders" to contact those who hadn't paid their dues yet. The Alberta Wheat Pool will be asked to consider extending their storage facilities in Girouxville, as much grain will be brought from the White Mud district to Girouxville after the bridge over the Little Smokey River will be completed. A. P. York, MSI representative, gave a talk on medical group insurance and showed a film.

★ **IRON SPRINGS** had a good meeting with 41 members present. O. Mehlen, the new Alternate Director for District 14 reported about the District Convention and a political forum in Iron Springs. The annual fund raising auction sale was a success. President H. Hany gave a report on the UFA

Oil Co-op which would start operating some time in April. The local has sponsored an irrigation school in Picture Butte. District agriculturist Ralph Trimmer spoke on Farm Accounting. The topic of the April meeting will be Credit Unions.

★ **NOSE CREEK** is still considering whether to start an MSI group. A committee of seven were appointed to help with the Community Auction Sale of livestock, machinery, etc. A percentage of the proceeds goes to the funds of the local. A guest speaker told how cheques are forged, signatures altered, etc. The local still has to collect some memberships. One life membership was received. Fifteen members and two visitors attended this meeting at the home of C. R. Perry. The next one will be held April 29, at the home of F. T. Poles.

★ **ENDIANG** had a good meeting with 25 members and 6 visitors present. Mr. Bill Bauer, weed inspector, showed slides and spoke on grasshopper and weed control and County services to farmers.

★ **CRAIGEND** saw 15 members and 10 visitors attending. Five new members were signed up. Mr. H. Beniuk was elected as UFA Co-op agent. The next meeting will be held at the home of F. Beniuk on April 21.

★ **THREE CREEKS** had a meeting scheduled for March 29. That day a blizzard was blowing and there was four feet of packed snow at the turn in and two feet all over the yard. Mr. Louis Glodik, living 100 yards away from the hall, offered his house for the meeting. Nobody expected more than half a dozen to show up. In reality 30 adults and a dozen kids came trickling in! The members decided to sponsor two juniors for the Fairview Summer Camp. The matter of livestock marketing was discussed. At a whist party, Mrs. Vern Barrow landed the ladies' booby prize and Andy Coulson the men's. Steve Glodik and Mrs. Vic Alm were the highest scorers.

★ **CLOVER BAR** is in favor of limiting the term of office to five years. The local considers that this amendment will bring in new officers who will enjoy the work after they have got the responsibility for it. Two speakers from the Farm Loan Board outlined the help a farmer can receive from this board. Fifteen members attended this meeting at the home of M. R. Reynolds.

★ **ESTHER** has invited Mr. Willis Love to talk about the FUA tour to Ottawa and Toronto in which he participated. Mrs. Edno Pratt will give her Convention report in that meeting. Invitations have gone out to Sedalia, Sibbald and Altario locals to attend this meeting on April 16.

★ **GALAHAD - PLEASINGTON**, held a meeting mainly devoted to speakers. Mr. Art Edwards, D.A., gave a very interesting talk. Mr. Glen Lundy spoke and showed slides of the FUA tour to Ottawa and Toronto, and Mrs. J. Sutherland, FUA Income Tax Department, answered tens of questions about income tax. The tea, bake sale and cake raffle held March 16 netted the local \$103.50.

★ **NOTRE DAME** had a full agenda. President Don Potter and secretary Glen Storie reported on a meeting held at Morinville in connection with the new boundaries of the sub-district. Lindsay Rye, Archie Speer, Herb Wold, Don Potter, Walter Maxfield and Glen Storie were appointed to attend a meeting to be held at Gibbons on April 18. Ed Courchene and L. Hodgins, trustees of the proposed seed cleaning plant at Gibbons, reported enough shares have been sold to proceed with the plant. No decision on the site has been made yet. The matter of setting up an MSI group was discussed, but the subject will be brought up again at the next meet-

What Mr. Faulkner Saw in Cuba

One of the most appealing aspects of being President of the FUA is that you meet so many interesting people. One of these is Mr. Faulkner from the Uncas district. He is a man who has seen eighty-nine years go by and is looking forward to a good many more.

Since the last time I talked to Mr. Faulkner he has been to Cuba. So, as you can imagine, he was full of stories about that little island empire that nearly brought the whole world into disaster only last fall. He made one rather significant comment — "It was wonderful to see people marching forward with a common purpose — the betterment of their country."

I suspect that Mr. Faulkner is biased because he has spent most of his lifetime studying people and some of the things they do to each other. He has not been too impressed with what he has seen. Consequently, when he visited Cuba he did so with a kind of curiosity that is common to people who are looking for something. He liked what he saw.

What He Saw

According to his story, what he saw was: Happy people, living in clean, neat, box-like apartments, owned by the State. (They had formerly lived in hut-like

ing. Stanley Walker of Fort Saskatchewan spoke on Farm Safety. Fourteen members and 4 visitors were present at the home of Archie Speer. The next meeting is on May 1 at the home of Herb Wold.

★ **GREEN GROVE** instructed its secretary, Mrs. Agnes Clennin to write to UFA Co-op about membership cards. Guest speaker was Mr. Ted Havolk, field supervisor for the County of Camrose, who spoke on weeds and weed sprays used in the district. Twenty-seven members and one visitor attended this meeting held at the home of Ed McArthur.

★ **HERRONTON** had a joint meeting with the Community Club. Thirty-five members and 4 visitors attended. The local is sponsoring an MSI group which will start functioning on May 1.

★ **DIXONVILLE** elected the following slate of officers:— Jim Banks, president; Alfred Schneider, Chinook Valley, vice-president; Emil Penno, Chinook Valley, secretary. Directors are:— Zygmunt Jablonski, Joe Close, Oscar Peetso, Barney Hanson, Joe Condrotte.

★ **HILLSDOWN VALLEY** heard president J. B. Rich reporting on the sub-district convention held at Pine Lake. J. Frey and G. Wenzill, UFA Co-op, spoke of the expanding business of this organization all through the province. Mr. Wenzill showed an interesting film of the UFA progress and farming in the Peace River country.

★ **WONG** bought tickets for the Jr. FUA Queen Contest. The local would put no limit on the term of office of the president. Members feel that he should go on as long as members elect him to that position. Wally Schnee, Councillor for the County of Wetaskiwin, gave a summary of the work to be done in the area and reported on the Hospital Board. A fire-fighting school will be conducted and everyone is invited to attend. The meeting was held at the home of John Hinsekorn.

★ **HORSE HILL** meeting at the home of Roy Wilkinson, heard a report of the sub-district 5 convention held at Morinville. The local passed a resolution stating that it is in favor of privately-owned power companies. Mr. Jim Bentley, president of the AFA told members that he is hopeful a way may be found to give farmers clear across Canada one united voice.

hovels.) A people that were busy building, working in cane fields and garden, growing tomatoes and cucumbers with chemicals, taking care of great herds of cattle (most of them imports from Canada), feeding hogs (York, Landrace and Lacombe) in large feeding operations. He said the hogs looked very good but the cattle were not thrifty nor did the milk cows produce milk. He felt this was because they did not have the right kind of feed. He was seriously thinking now about going back to show them what to do. (Incidentally, he has a standing invitation to come back anytime he wishes.) They are developing new machines for cane harvesting to replace the hand work they have always done.

Weapons Nearby

All of this activity was being handicapped by the fact that they had to protect themselves from the guerilla action of those people who the Cubans said were financed by the United States to sabotage their efforts. As a result everyone worked with a weapon of some kind either in their hands or nearby.

I suppose what this really means is, that those people who formerly lived off the fat of the land, now object to someone else doing the same thing and they would like to get it back. I wonder why it never occurs to these people that there might be a way they could all share in the good things that are there.

Why No Sharing

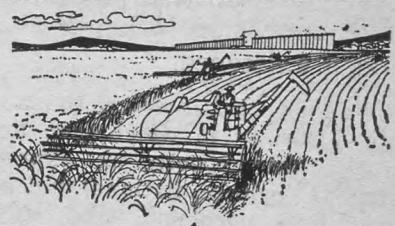
One wonders also, why those people who owned Cuba's resources five or six years ago, didn't think about the possibilities of sharing some of these things when they were there. Why didn't they build decent houses for the workers, provide dairy herds and diversify the agriculture and food production to utilize what is obviously fertile soil? One wonders why the organized church and other groups with great influence, did not see the possibilities that

were open to them. Had they done something at that time, they likely would not now be trying to win it back by force.

Ed Nelson

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What We Can Do Ourselves And The FWUA Can Do

By Mrs. P. Duby, Director District 13

A great deal has been said and written in recent years about education, many and varied suggestions and proposals have been put forth for the improvement and advancement of our educational system.

There is one trend of thought that has been attracting the attention of most thinking people today, namely, the awareness of the possibilities of continuing education, or adult education in helping our citizens to obtain a fuller and richer existence.

We know that if we are to maintain a society in which men and women are expected to express opinions on local, national and international problems, then ways and means must be found to help provide our people with information to give them an understanding of the problem. We are living in a complex technological world, with new developments and new changes taking place with great rapidity and if we are going to be able to keep pace with such development our adult population must be kept informed and alive to all the possibilities of these changes.

KNOWLEDGE NECESSARY

There are many things which we as an organization can do to help provide our people with this information. We can encourage them to obtain for themselves knowledge and information through reading. The person who reads wisely and widely will find that he has the enormous advantage of knowing more about his subject than others do. Knowledge builds self-confidence and self-reliance.

Good reading is readily available through our public libraries or if one does not live where he can take advantage of this service, the Extension Library of the University Extension Department provides books on a vast variety of subjects which are available to individuals or groups or organizations. Fiction, books on travel, books for children and for young people, biographies, technical text books—selections from any or all of these may be secured, free, on making application to the librarian.

VISUAL INSTRUCTION

Visual instruction also is available from the Department of Extension, who maintains one of the largest and best equipped film libraries in Canada. For a moderate rental a choice may be made of 16 mm sound films, mostly in color, many of which would be ideal as a supplement to an educational project such as instruction in conducting a meeting, training in public speaking, presenting a safety program, etc. Projectors, screens, film strips, slides, and other equipment is also available.

SHORT COURSES

Another service of the Department of Extension is providing conferences and short courses. These short courses may be held at any centre suited to those wishing to attend. Interested persons should write to enquire about the subject they are interested in. Some of the courses which have been held in the past few years at many different points in Alberta include classes such as Accounting, Social Welfare, Credit Unions, Organization and Management, Air Photo Interpretation for Civil Engineers, Commercial Law, Fundamentals of Horticulture, Landscaping, Financial Statements, Astronomy, Conversational French, Reading Improvements and many more.

FINE ARTS

Also available is instruction in

the Fine Arts Division, which provides a competent instructor in music or drama or painting. Workshops and short courses are held in choral work, piano theory, lecture recitals, community art classes, drama, acting, make-up, lighting, directing. Classes such as these are both instructive and enjoyable, giving the students an enriched perception of the world in which they live, and as they learn, they also find a greater satisfaction and a richer life than they had known.

KEEP ABREAST

By taking advantage of one or more of these available services our citizens will not only keep abreast of our rapidly developing society but will find they have acquired a broader outlook and a deeper understanding of their fellow citizens with whom they have worked and studied.

There are many other avenues of self-education, either individually or by joining with others in groups to explore some of the fascinating handicraft skills such as weaving, ceramics, leathercraft, wood working, and the many varieties of needlework and knitting, etc., or to participate in discussing together some of the interesting and important topics of political or international affairs.

GREATEST CHALLENGE

Probably the greatest challenge for our organization is to assist in leadership training, for it is not enough that we have the knowledge and be well informed but we must have leaders who have the ability to speak in public, to chair meetings successfully and to be capable of assisting our members to have a clearer picture of our organization, and to have a broad view of the problems our organization faces.

This can be accomplished by encouraging our members to take an active part in local meetings, and, when possible, be willing to act on committees in conventions and to represent our locals and districts at larger meetings. We must send representatives of our various communities to attend leadership courses where they will receive training to assist their members at home.

These are a few of the methods

FWUA HI-LITES

• **ANTHONY HILL** decided to have the annual pot luck supper at the Brooksona Hall on April 17, at 7 p.m. After supper films will be shown. The meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Lucille Carlson, was attended by 19 members and one visitor.

• **EDMONTON** will hold a social evening at the home of Mrs. Stetson on April 27. Mrs. and Mrs. Cowan will show the pictures they have taken during their trip of Europe. A report was given on "Paradise Home" for old people and a collection was taken to buy gifts for the people in this home.

• **RANFURLY** bought cookbooks. They are available at Gracchak's store. Home economist Mrs. Durie gave a short course on April 10 and 12 and will give this also on April 30, May 7 and May 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mrs. R. Bown was appointed the local's representative on the community centre board. Members then joined the FUA local to hear Mrs. Durie give an interesting talk on "The home office" and "Interior decorating."

• **GWYNNE** made final plans for the cancer drive. The local will canvass the area. There was discussion on the education of the exceptional child.

• **ROYCE** had as roll call "How much is the cost of high school education for one child?" The answers varied from \$500 to \$700. The next roll call will be about Easter customs. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Noweks. Nine members and two visitors were present.

• **CHESTERMERE** listened with pleasure to Miss Carlyle (who is associated with the Council of Community Services) speaking about the gifted and the handicapped child. Fourteen members were present at the home of Mrs. J. Watson.

• **CRAIGMYLE** has put Mrs. Albert Aaserud in charge of the cancer drive. A card party will be held on Friday, April 19. President of the local is Mrs. Gwynvor Rees, secretary Mrs. Melvin Metzger.

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we may employ to continue our education and by doing so benefit ourselves, our organization, and Canada.

We received the following letter from Scandia, Local No. 1309:

To Whom It May Concern:

At our last meeting, held March 11, a request was unanimously approved that this local endorse your efforts and forethought in regard to sponsoring the FUA Ottawa-Toronto Tour.

On behalf of our member, Tony Palko, who took part in this tour, we wish to say a sincere "Thank You." We hope you will continue to sponsor contests such as this one.

Mr. M. Goughnour of Enchant, who took part in the tour also showed slides of the whole tour, which made his report most enjoyable and interesting.

Thank You once again!

• **RED DEER LAKE** took five boxes of used clothing to needy families. The local assisted with the Polio Clinic and prepared lunch and tea for the sub-district convention on March 27 in Red Deer Lake Hall. Twenty members attended the meeting.

• **HILLSIDE** listened to a report given by Mrs. J. Thompson on the pre-conference planning meeting for the FWUA conference to be held in the Oddfellows Hall in

Millet on April 25. Mrs. C. Jones, District 9 director reported about the conference held in Lacombe. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. Marr. Sixteen members were present.

• **EDWELL** will be purchasing a trophy for the Horn Hill 4-H grain club. Mrs. McKinnon spoke about her work on the Big Horn Reserve. A donation was made and used clothing given to assist Mrs. McKinnon in her work.

• **SHADY NOOK** is to form a UFA local within the local. A contribution will be made to the Hon. Irene Parlyby Scholarship Fund and the Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund.

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